

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MARINA MARTINEZ

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2004

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Marina Martinez. She was a true leader and an inspirational woman who passed away on March 15, 2004.

A community activist in El Sereno, California, Marina Martinez promoted parental involvement and advocated for parental rights to ensure that every child receives a quality education. She began her lifelong commitment to children by volunteering both as a Girl Scout leader and Boy Scout den mother in 1959. Since that time, Marina chaired numerous organizations and provided leadership to many local, State, and Federal organizations. These organizations and positions included the Compensatory Education Advisory in 1972 and the Bilingual Teacher Training Center in 1976. Most notably, she was appointed by the dean of the School of Education to serve as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Bilingual Teacher Training Center.

Marina Martinez also served as the council appointee to the Citizens Unit for Participation in Housing and Community Development in 1978 and was a proud member of other long-standing community-based organizations in El Sereno. These organizations included the Mexican-American Education Commission, National Clients Council for the Legal Aid Foundation, the Community Alliance for Education, and the El Sereno Community Coordinating Council.

Even with the tragic death of her son Ismael Martinez on December 7, 1980, Marina and her husband, Joe, did not move away from their El Sereno community. On the contrary, they turned their pain into strength and vowed to help other families with similar tragedies by establishing the Victims of Crime in El Sereno (VOCES). Several years ago, Marina's beloved husband, Joe, passed away.

Marina was a loving and caring community leader. Every Christmas, she made sure that victims of senseless violence would not be forgotten. Her message was shared throughout the community every December by organizing tree lighting ceremonies in Huntington Drive, with each tree decorated with red ribbons honoring the deceased victims.

I have known and supported Marina since my years as a California State Assembly member. She leaves behind three grown children and a beautiful community she helped build. She will always be remembered for her stewardship and hard work to improve her community and the citizens who lived in it. We will miss her greatly, and may she rest in peace.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROGER F. WICKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2004

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, I was regrettably absent on March 10 and 11, 2004. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on roll call votes 45, 46, 47, 54, 56, and 57. I would have voted "nay" on roll call votes 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53.

DARLENE MONTGOMERY RYAN

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2004

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Darlene Montgomery Ryan for being recognized as a 2004 honoree of the Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World. Darlene Montgomery Ryan is the co-founder, principal owner, president and chief executive officer of PharmaFab, a contract pharmaceuticals formulator and manufacturer located in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

In February, the Leading Women Entrepreneurs of the World announced the names of the 2004 honorees who will be distinguished at an international awards ceremony and gala in Sydney, Australia, May 9–13, 2004. Chosen by an international selection committee from hundreds of nominees worldwide, these outstanding businesswomen represent nine countries and over \$600 million in annual sales.

PharmaFab, started by Darlene, her brother, and their father in late 1994, has been recognized as one of the 500 fastest-growing private companies in the United States for the past 3 years in a row. Prior to starting PharmaFab, Darlene was a partner in a worldwide accounting firm recognized as an expert in international taxation. She is a certified public accountant, with a BA in math and German from DePauw University and an MBA from the University of Chicago.

In addition to her leading role at PharmaFab, Darlene Montgomery Ryan is an officer in the Generic Pharmaceutical Association, which is dedicated to reducing health care costs for all of us. In her spare time, Darlene teaches Junior Achievement classes to low-income elementary school students, acts as a board member for several local charities, and is highly involved in her community.

I congratulate Darlene Montgomery Ryan for her contribution not only to my local community but also to our country for being only one out of the nine honorees to be recognized from the United States. I applaud her efforts and support her desire to improve health care in the United States.

RELATING TO THE LIBERATION OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE AND THE VALIANT SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND COALITION FORCES

SPEECH OF

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I am saddened by the degree to which the Republican Leadership has turned this resolution into a partisan political defense of President Bush's view of the war in Iraq. Instead of commending and thanking the men and women in our Armed Forces who are serving so bravely in Iraq, a resolution that would have probably been passed unanimously, this resolution rewrites history and justifies a war that need not have been fought. Yes. Saddam was a terrible dictator, but getting rid of him was not the reason why President Bush told us we had to go to war. The American people were told that we had to invade Iraq because Saddam had weapons of mass destruction that could be used against us, something which turned out not to be true. It is particularly outrageous that, in order to spin the war in as positive light as possible, this resolution does not say one word about our gratitude to the over 560 families who have lost a loved one in Iraq—including six Vermont families—or the over 2,800 soldiers who have been injured. What must these families be thinking when the sacrifice of their loved ones are not even acknowledged in this resolution? If Congressional Republicans really want to say thanks to the troops they should adequately fund veterans' benefits, increase military pay and provide the money to buy the body armor and other equipment our troops need. But using the sacrifice of our troops for partisan political advantage is something that I cannot support.

RELATING TO THE LIBERATION OF THE IRAQI PEOPLE AND THE VALIANT SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES AND COALITION FORCES

SPEECH OF

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, all of us in this chamber are united in our commitment to support our troops in Iraq. It is that commitment that creates a strong presumption in my own mind on any resolution that recognizes their honorable goals, their services to country and their need for best support possible.

Along with my Democratic colleagues, we would also rush to sponsor and support a resolution that highlighted the crimes of Saddam

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Hussein. There was never any disagreement in this Chamber on the evil he represented and we all applaud our troops for bringing him to justice. They did the job they were asked to do and more.

But I pause on supporting this resolution on two counts. This war has not brought greater stability to the area. It has not enhanced America's leadership position or created stronger alliances. While our soldiers have fought with honor—even as we speak here—the administration failed to support their efforts with a plan to win the peace, bring stability or share the burden and risk. We still wait for the President to speak honestly with the American people about the failed intelligence estimates and the reasons for the rush to war. America remains isolated, which is itself a risk to our security and our troops.

This resolution is silent on these questions and the leadership will not allow them to be addressed.

There is no commitment to ensuring that our troops have the best protection equipment available, no commitment to getting wounded troops the best health care as quickly as possible. There is no mention of the heroic contributions our reserve troops have provided or the very serious challenges that lie ahead in Iraq. Any resolution honoring and supporting our troops would express these sentiments.

What I find most egregious is that at the very moment we debate this resolution, the Budget Committee is considering a budget that omits funding for many of our most pressing priorities in Iraq. During consideration of this budget, the majority has turned aside efforts to increase our commitment to health care for reservists, for military housing programs and to educate military schoolchildren. At a time when we have families of troops searching the Internet to buy body armor for their loved ones in Iraq because this Congress has failed to provide it for them, that is the very least we should be doing for these brave men and women. Had Democrats been allowed the elemental rights of a minority, we would have incorporated language that made clear Congress's first obligation was to provide our troops in Iraq with the security and the best equipment available.

To be frank, the hypocrisy of this Congress in offering this resolution but not the actual support, tempts me to fight back and protest on behalf of our men and women in Iraq and in the reserves.

But stronger in my heart is an appreciation for our troops that keep us free. I cast my vote for those words in the resolution and express my personal exception to the majority's maneuvering that has diminished their resolution and our work.

Fortunately, we will have more opportunities to express our views about our postwar policy in Iraq and failure to genuinely support our military and veterans.

"A RUN FOR THEIR SON"

HON. BARNEY FRANK

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2004

Mr. FRANK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, we talk here often about family values, with good reason, because defending the family is

one of the most important parts of our job. One way to do that is to give truly inspirational examples of how families have pulled together, especially in those very difficult, tragic times when awful events befall good people.

One such inspirational example was recently chronicled in the New Bedford Standard Times, describing the determination of Elsie and Tony Souza, of New Bedford to compete in a marathon to honor the memory of their son Christopher, who was tragically taken from them ten years ago at the age of twenty-six. I had the privilege of knowing Christopher, as I have the privilege of knowing and working with Tony and Elsie Souza. Tony is the Executive Director of the Waterfront Historic Area League, an extremely important, innovative and effective organization working to advance the cultural and—therefore—economic—fortunes of New Bedford. Elsie has been since 1993 the Deputy Director of my Massachusetts operation, based in my New Bedford office.

This excellent article by Don Cuddy in the New Bedford Standard Times gives a sense of these wonderful people and of the extent to which they truly exemplify family values, and I ask that the article be printed here.

[From the New Bedford Standard Times,
Mar. 19, 2004]

A RUN FOR THEIR SON (By Don Cuddy)

NEW BEDFORD.—“Tony! It’s a quarter to five.” Tony took an eight count.

It was another black, freezing, January morning and the mercury was not moving. Neither was the city. There were no cars on Route 18, the waterfront was deserted and the shops on Union Street had been locked down and abandoned.

The cobbled streets of the historic district were deathly still until the door on Center Street creaked open. Just as they had for months, two shadowy figures emerged from within and began to run silently through the darkness.

Up the hill to frigid Buttonwood Park they labored side by side, then around to Hawthorne Street onto Slocum Road and back downtown as the first streaks of light became visible in the eastern sky.

Beginning with a promise in the fall and undeterred by the worst winter in years, Tony and Elsie Souza have held faithfully to their training program as they move ever closer to their goal of completing this year’s New Bedford Half-Marathon.

There will be some mixed emotions when they step to the starting line Sunday and take their places with the other runners. This year marks the 10th anniversary of their only son’s passing. The need arose to find something to mark the occasion and it was Elsie’s idea that they should run the race.

Christopher Jon Souza had a bright future until he was fatally stricken with cancer at the age of 26.

After obtaining a degree in Russian language and literature from Syracuse University, he worked for Sen. Ted Kennedy in Washington before moving to Boston in 1994 to complete his master’s degree. Always athletic, he was training for the Boston Marathon in March of that year when he began to experience breathing difficulties. He saw a doctor and was told he had a sinus infection.

In fact, he had a tumor in his chest, an offshoot of testicular cancer. When he came home to New Bedford in July at his mother’s urging, he was finally given a chest x-ray. Three weeks later he was in a coma. The end came in November.

“There was no warning at all,” Tony said. “After they took the chest x-ray I went to the doctor’s office on a Saturday morning and, I’ll never forget, he said ‘I think you better sit down.’” Within five days their son was on life-support. Christopher underwent chemotherapy while in a coma. When he came out of it, for a very short time it appeared that he might have beaten the odds. But it was not to be.

In tribute to his memory the New Bedford couple have committed to running the race and, because of their enduring love for their child and of New Bedford, they have also offered trophy and a cash prize in Christopher’s name. The first city residents, male and female, to cross the finish line this year will receive the Christopher Jon Souza Award and \$250.

“Chris loved sports and he was a great runner, so last fall I just decided that I was going to run it,” Elsie said. “To convince Tony. I said, ‘We’re going to do this for Chris.’ So every day I get up at 4 a.m. and read the paper before we go. He hopes there’s a snowstorm outside and prays that I’ll go back to bed.”

Tony laughed. “She has all her clothes laid out the night before, too,” he said.

“I used to run. I ran the Ocean State Marathon, and in ’91 I did the Marine Corps Marathon in D.C. with Chris. I was 48 and he was 24. He was very competitive, just like Elsie. She won’t let me pass her.”

“But after he died I just quit. Before he passed I promised Chris I’d get back and it’s been 10 years, so I was saying to myself: ‘I guess you broke your promise.’ I’d put on so much weight but I went on a diet and now I’ve lost 27 pounds. It wasn’t easy. I got frostbite on my legs and hands in January and it’s just healing up now. We’ve been through everything but last Saturday we did 10 miles. We’re ready.”

For Elsie it was even tougher. She had never been a runner and suffered bouts of asthma as a child that confined her to bed much of the winter, but they never contemplated quitting. Their loss has strengthened them. They have stayed together through the training and intend to do the same on Sunday.

Once they had committed to entering the race, the idea of adding the award came naturally.

“As parents, losing an only child has been very difficult,” Tony said. “We’ve forged on, I think bravely, but they are always with you and you don’t want them to go away, so anything we can do to memorialize him we do.”

The Souzas have also established a scholarship fund in their son’s memory.

“We love New Bedford and we believe that this race exemplifies all the good things about this community,” Elsie said. “The people who put it together are doing it against all odds.”

In recognition of that the Souzas decided to make their own contribution.

“People here work so hard to try to make things better and we suffer so needlessly from a bad reputation,” Tony said. “When you see all these runners coming down here it shows we are doing something right.”

Tony and Elsie Souza have already endured the greatest loss a parent can. Nevertheless the race poses a challenge in and of itself.

“We’re not fast but we’ll do it” Tony said, looking at his wife for confirmation. Elsie had her own concerns.

“My biggest challenge right now is deciding what I am going to wear! Only a woman would understand that.”

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SPEECH OF

HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, March 17, 2004

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this very flawed, very inadequate and blatantly political resolution.

Every Member of this House wants to honor our troops. That view is truly non-partisan. Each of us is deeply grateful for the patriotism and courage our troops have exhibited in Iraq, and for the sacrifices that they and their families are making. But House Republican leaders should be ashamed of themselves for playing politics and trying to score political points by pushing this partisan resolution through the House, and using the brave men and women in our armed forces as cover in order to do it.

This resolution does not even mention the thousands of wounded soldiers from this war, many of whom I met at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. Their sacrifices will not end when they come home and leave the military. For those who lost limbs or suffered other serious, debilitating injuries, their sacrifice will be with them for the rest of their lives. That is certainly true for the parents, brothers and sisters, spouses, children and friends of the 564 Americans who have lost their lives so far in this Iraq War.

They clearly deserve our recognition and our gratitude, but they are not mentioned in this resolution.

Republican leaders are so single-minded and so dead-set on justifying the President's decision to go to war that they use the opportunity to honor our troops as an excuse to explain away the war. And they purposely excluded Democrats in the drafting process so that they could have it their way, and their way alone. Their failure to reach across the aisle and make this resolution bipartisan is wrong and disgraces the memory of those who serve, and those who have sacrificed, and those who have died.

As written, this resolution states that the "United States and the world have been made

safer by the removal of Saddam Hussein and the Baath party from power". There is certainly not unanimity on that point. The Bush administration has tried hard to change the reasons the President took this country to war. We were told that Saddam Hussein was hand-in-hand with Al Qaeda; that he was constructing weapons of mass destruction; and that he had a program to create nuclear weapons. We were led to believe that Iraq was arming itself to attack us—and to attack us imminently.

But now little of what they told us appears to be true. It now appears that the President's rationale for war in Iraq was fundamentally and deeply flawed. Judging from the 27 people killed in a car bombing in Baghdad this afternoon or the 200 people killed in Madrid only 6 days ago, it appears that the undisputed enemy that all Americans recognize, Al Qaeda, is as strong as ever. No weapons of mass destruction have been found. The sober warnings from the President about an Iraqi nuclear program were exaggerated and based on discredited and unverified reports.

So, while every Member of Congress is glad that Saddam Hussein is no longer in power and no longer a menace to the people of Iraq, it is certainly not clear that removing Saddam Hussein has made the United States any safer, or that it was worth the terrible cost of 564 American lives, thousands of Americans wounded, and over \$150 billion—so far.

It seems to me that, if the Republican leadership really wanted to salute the troops involved in this year-old war, they would join with Democrats to draft a resolution of praise and honor that every Member would support. Even more fitting would be an immediate vote on legislation to ensure that all of our troops are properly armed and outfitted, and that they and their families will be taken care of. The President's budget request shortchanges our troops and the generations of American soldiers before them.

And so, Mr. Speaker, I will vote against this resolution. We must support our troops with action, not with political rhetoric.

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT AARON
SCHARF

HON. JOE BACA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 22, 2004

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute today to the life of Sergeant Aaron Scharf. Aaron recently passed away at the age of 33 and left an incredible legacy of community work and innovation in his chosen profession. He was not only dedicated to improving his community but also to fulfilling his responsibilities as husband, father, son, and friend. It gives me no greater pleasure than honoring his memory today.

To all those who knew Aaron, he was energetic, determined, and purposeful. He consistently exhibited generosity of spirit, love for his fellow man, and dedication to his work. He was never afraid to challenge the status quo in his own humble and unassuming manner. These qualities undoubtedly left an immeasurable impression on his friends, family, and co-workers.

Graduating from Chaffey High School in 1988, Aaron already knew his calling. The son of a police officer, he joined the Fontana Police Department in 1989 and graduated from the Police Academy in March of 1991. His special details throughout the years included the Narcotics Unit, Gang Unit, Drug Enforcement Task Force, the FBI Gang Task Force, and Special Enforcement Detail. Aaron was a truly special man. He provided an incredible service for those he loved with no thought of additional compensation.

Throughout his time serving for the Fontana Police Department, Aaron exhibited tremendous passion, pride, and a deep resolve to fight for the people of the Inland Empire. He was a beloved part of his family and a respected member of his community. His kind and passionate spirit was an incredible resource and blessing to those who knew him.

I join today with family and friends in paying my respects to Sergeant Aaron Scharf, beloved husband, father, and friend. He is survived by his wife, Shana, and his daughters, Amanda, Ryan, and Camryn. He was a generous and gentle man who fought for what he believed in. He will be deeply missed by all.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, March 23, 2004 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MARCH 24

- 9 a.m.
Governmental Affairs
Investigations Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine problems facing the credit counseling industry, focusing on cases of misconduct among credit card counseling agencies and their for-profit service providers and what solutions may be available to repair the industry.
SD-342
- 9:30 a.m.
Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine port security.
SR-253
- Indian Affairs
To hold hearings to examine S. 1529, to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to include provisions relating to the payment and administration of gaming fees.
SD-562
- Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on strategic forces and capabilities.
SR-222
- 10 a.m.
Appropriations
Defense Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of the Air Force.
SD-192
- Appropriations
Energy and Water Development Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the Bureau of Reclamation's Animas-La Plata Project.
SD-124
- Environment and Public Works
To hold hearings to examine the environmental impacts on the United States natural gas supply.
SD-406
- Judiciary
To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Paul S. Diamond, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
SD-226

- 11:30 a.m.
Energy and Natural Resources
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.
SD-366
- 2 p.m.
Armed Services
Airland Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine Navy and Air Force aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2005 and future years defense program.
SR-232A
- 2:30 p.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Housing and Transportation Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine the real estate appraisal industry, focusing on related issues involving financial markets and community investments, risk management, and consumer protection.
SD-538
- Energy and Natural Resources
Public Lands and Forests Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 433, to provide for enhanced collaborative forest stewardship management within the Clearwater and Nez Perce National Forests in Idaho, S. 2180, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to exchange certain lands in the Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in the State of Colorado, and H.R. 1964, to assist the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania in conserving priority lands and natural resources in the Highlands region.
SD-366

MARCH 25

- 9:30 a.m.
Armed Services
To hold hearings to examine the role of the U.S. Northern Command and U.S. Special Operations Command in defending the homeland and in the global war on terrorism, in review of the defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005; to be followed by a closed session in SH-219.
SH-216
- Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine cable rates.
SR-253
- Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation to amend the African Growth and Opportunity Act to expand certain trade benefits to eligible sub-Saharan African countries.
SD-419
- Appropriations
Interior Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of the Interior.
SD-124
- Appropriations
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Health and Human Services.
SD-192
- 10 a.m.
Appropriations
Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of State.
SD-116

- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
Economic Policy Subcommittee
To hold an oversight hearing to examine national flood insurance repetitive losses.
SD-538
- Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions
Employment, Safety, and Training Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine hazard communication in the workplace.
SD-430
- Appropriations
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Environmental Protection Agency.
SD-628
- Veterans' Affairs
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentations of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs, AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, and the Military Officers Association of America.
345 CHOB
- 1:30 p.m.
Appropriations
Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for programs under its jurisdiction.
SD-192
- 2 p.m.
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs
To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2005 for the Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation.
SD-538
- 2:30 p.m.
Foreign Relations
To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Thomas Bolling Robertson, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Slovenia, Miles T. Bivins, of Texas, to be Ambassador to Sweden, and Michael Christian Polt, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to Serbia and Montenegro.
SD-419
- Armed Services
Strategic Forces Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine national security space programs and management in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2005.
SR-232A
- Energy and Natural Resources
Water and Power Subcommittee
To hold hearings to examine S. 1085, to provide for a Bureau of Reclamation program to assist states and local communities in evaluating and developing rural and small community water supply systems, S. 1732, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to establish a rural water supply program in the Reclamation States to provide a clean, safe, affordable, and reliable water supply to rural residents, S. 1727, to authorize additional appropriations for the Reclamation Safety of Dams Act of 1978, and S. 1791, to amend the Lease Lot Conveyance Act of 2002 to provide that the amounts received by the United States under that Act shall be deposited in the reclamation fund.
SD-366

MARCH 30

9 a.m.

Indian Affairs

To hold oversight hearings to examine Inter-Tribal Timber Council's Indian Forest Management Assessment Team report.

SR-485

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold closed hearings to examine the second interim report of the Iraq Survey Group.

S-407, Capitol

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000.

SD-366

Indian Affairs

To hold hearings to examine S. 868, to amend the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Restoration Act to provide for the cultural restoration and economic self-sufficiency of the Confederation Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians of Oregon.

SR-485

2 p.m.

Armed Services

Airland Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005 and the Future Years Defense Program, focusing on Army aviation programs.

SR-232A

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources
National Parks Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine National Heritage Areas, including

findings and recommendations of the General Accounting Office, the definition of a National Heritage Area, the definition of national significance as it relates to National Heritage Areas, recommendations for establishing National Heritage Areas as units of the National Park System, recommendations for prioritizing proposed studies and designations, and options for developing a National Heritage Area Program within the National Park Service.

SD-366

MARCH 31

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

Personnel Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the Defense authorization request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on active and Reserve military and civilian personnel programs.

SR-232A

10 a.m.

Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-430

Indian Affairs

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SR-485

2:30 p.m.

Foreign Relations

European Affairs Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the effects of the Madrid Terrorist Attacks on U.S. European cooperation in the war on terrorism.

SD-419

APRIL 1

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on the military strategy and operational requirements of the unified and regional commands; to be followed by a possible closed session in SR-222.

SD-106

2:30 p.m.

Armed Services

Readiness and Management Support Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the proposed Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on military installation programs.

SR-232A

SEPTEMBER 21

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative presentation of the American Legion.

345 CHOB

POSTPONEMENTS

MARCH 24

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine intellectual property piracy issues.

SD-419